

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 11-3—sHB 5956**

*Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
Public Safety and Security Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTERNET WEB SITE OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**SUMMARY:** This act requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to publish an informational page on its website by July 1, 2012, and after that date maintain and annually update it. The page must list any benefits, services, or programs any state or federal agency, department, or institution offers veterans or their families, including:

1. any information concerning the eligibility requirements and application process for veterans' benefits, services, or programs;
2. the name and contact information of any entity offering them; and
3. a link to the entity's website.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon passage

**BACKGROUND**

*Current DVA Website Contents*

In practice, the DVA "Benefits Information" webpage currently contains links to a state benefits webpage; the U.S. Veterans Administration; the Connecticut Soldiers', Sailors', and Marines' Fund; and state departments of Labor and Higher Education. It also contains information on the DVA Office of Advocacy and Assistance, a link to "A Guide to CT Veterans Service Officers," and to DVA district offices and outreach locations.

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